

How to Open Windows PowerShell in Windows 10

Windows 10 comes with Windows PowerShell 5.0 included.

Windows PowerShell is a task-based command-line shell and scripting language designed especially for system administration. Built on the .NET Framework, Windows PowerShell helps IT professionals and power users control and automate the administration of the Windows operating system and applications that run on Windows.

OPTION ONE

Open Windows PowerShell from All apps in Start Menu

1 Open **All apps** in the Start menu.

2 Scroll down and expand open the **Windows PowerShell** folder, and click/tap on **Windows PowerShell**. (see screenshot below)

Open Windows PowerShell in Windows 10-all_apps_powershell.jpg

OPTION TWO

Open Windows PowerShell in Search

1 Press the [key]Win[key] + S keys to open Search.

2 Type **powershell** into the search box, and click/tap on **Windows PowerShell** in the search results at the top. (see screenshot below)

Open Windows PowerShell in Windows 10-search_powershell.png

OPTION THREE

Open Windows PowerShell from Run

1 Press the Win + R keys to open Run.

2 Type **powershell**, and click/tap on **OK** in the search results at the top. (see screenshot below)

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OPTION FOUR

Open Windows PowerShell from Task Manager

1 Open **Task Manager** (Ctrl+Shift+Esc).

2 Click/tap on **File** (menu bar), and click/tap on **Run new task**. (see screenshot below)

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3 Type **powershell**, and click/tap on **OK** in the search results at the top. (see screenshot below)

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OPTION FIVE

Open Windows PowerShell from Win+X Menu

1 If you have the Win+X menu set to **show Windows PowerShell instead of Command Prompt**, then press the Win + X keys to open the Win+X menu.

2 Click/tap on **Windows PowerShell**. (see screenshot below)

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OPTION SIX

To "Open Windows PowerShell Here" in File Explorer

1 Open File Explorer (Win+E).

2 Select or open a folder or drive that you want to open Windows PowerShell at that location. (see screenshot below)

3 Click/tap on the **File** tab on the ribbon, click/tap on **Open Windows PowerShell** to expand, and click/tap on **Open Windows PowerShell**. (see screenshot below)

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OPTION SEVEN

Open Windows PowerShell from File Explorer

1 While you have a folder or drive open in File Explorer (Win+E), type **PowerShell** into the address bar, and press Enter to open PowerShell in whatever folder or drive you have open.

OR

2 Open File Explorer (Win+E), browse to the folder location below, and click/tap on the **powershell.exe** file to run it. (see screenshot below)

C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0

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That's it,

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